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Filing Date: 6/22/2001

Applicants File Ref: 20703Y

For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE VACCINE ADJUVANTS AND FORMULATIONS
CONTAINING CATIONIC SURFACTANTS AND METHODS OF USE

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Responsive to 'Notice of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) mailed 4/22/05 Confirmation No. 9551, please find the following:

1. Petition to Withdrawal of Abandonment, 37 CFR 1.181(a)
2. Exhibit A - true copy of originally filed reply mailed 9/27/2001;
3. Exhibit B - copy of internal postcard sent with reply;
4. Copy of Confirmation Letter No. 9551 mailed on 4/22/05 to applicants.

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Applicant:	Robert K. Evans		
Serial No.:	09/888,304	Case No.:	20703Y
Filed:	22 June 2001	Art Unit:	
For:	POLYNUCLEOTIDE VACCINE ADJUVANTS AND FORMULATIONS CONTAINING CATIONIC SURFACTANTS AND METHODS OF USE	Confirmation No.	9551
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (f) or (g), (herein, "Notice of Abandonment") mailed 22 April 2005, please consider the following Petition, entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a), to withdraw this Notice of Abandonment in regard to the above-identified application. Time for responding to the Notice of Abandonment has been set for 22 June 2005. In the event any fee is due for entry and/or consideration of this Petition, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 any appropriate fee, as a large entity. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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By Geixa J. RocheDate: June 16, 2005

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REMARKS

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A Notice of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (f) or (g), (herein, "Notice of Abandonment") was mailed 22 April 2005 in regard to the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests, by Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a), reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment entered in this application.

A true copy of the originally filed reply is attached as Exhibit A. These papers were filed in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed 10 August 2001, requesting submission of an executed oath and declaration in the above-identified application. In response to this Notice to File Missing Parts, Applicants submitted under "First Class Mail Certificate," the following: (i) Fee Transmittal Sheet; (ii) oath and declaration executed by Robert K. Evans on 06 September 2001; and, (iii) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (of which an additional Certificate of Mailing was executed for that specific paper).

Attached as Exhibit B is a photocopy of the internal postcard prepared and included with the above-mentioned papers. The undersigned attorney respectfully notes that, to date, our office has not received a properly itemized date-stamped version of this postcard as receipt from the PTO.

This Petition is filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment, issued recently on 22 April 2005. To this end, entry of this Petition, under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) is timely.

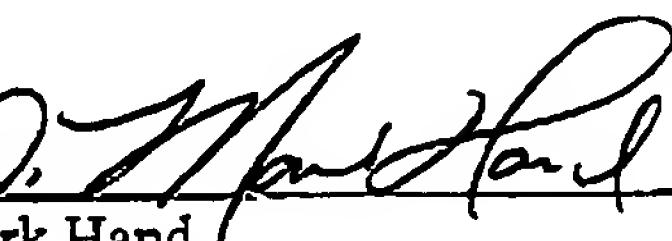
The undersigned attorney executed each Certificate of Mailing shown in the originally filed papers. I have a reasonable basis to expect that the papers in question were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, on 27 September 2001, almost two weeks prior to the deadline of 10 October 2001 for submission of a proper response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment mailed in the above-identified application. Early action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 16 June 2005

By: 
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Filing Date	June 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	Robert K. Evans
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	Utility filing fee	
106	Design filing fee	
108	Reissue filing fee	
114	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL(1)		\$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent Claims	Extra Fee from below	Fee Paid
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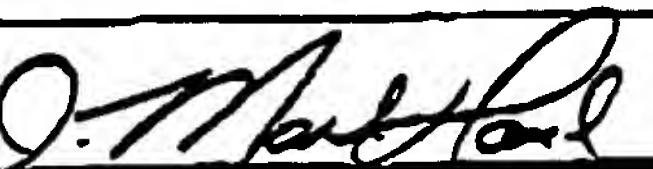
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103	Claims in excess of 20
102	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL(2) \$0

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105	Surcharge - late filing fee or cash	130
147	For filing a request for reexamination	
115	Extension for reply within first month	
116	Extension for reply within second month	
117	Extension for reply within third month	
118	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	Notice of Appeal	
120	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	Request for oral hearing	
140	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	Design issue fee	
122	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
581	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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SUBMITTED BY		Reg. Number	36,545
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Application Number:

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Filing Date:

06/22/2001

First Named Inventor:

Robert K. Evans

Group Art Unit:

Examiner Name:

Attorney Docket Number:

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(37 CFR 1.16 (e))
required)

Attorney Docket Number	20703Y
First Named Inventor	Robert K. Evans
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**POLYNUCLEOTIDE VACCINE ADJUVANTS AND FORMULATIONS CONTAINING CATIONIC SURFACTANTS, AND
METHODS OF USE**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

 is attached hereto

OR

 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 06/22/2001 as United States Application Number or PCT InternationalApplication Number 09/888,304 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Attorney Docket Number	Priority Claimed? YES NO
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Attorney Docket Number
60/213,622	06/23/2000	20703PV
60/214,824	06/28/2000	20703PV2

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY for Utility or Design Patent Application

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint, respectively and individually, as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Name	Registration Number	Name	Registration Number
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name of Sole or First Inventor: A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name (first and middle [if any]) Family Name or Surname

Robert K. Evans

Inventor's Signature	<i>Robert K. Evans</i>			Date	06 Sept 2001
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Additional inventors are being named on the _____ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.



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09/888,304	06/22/2001	Robert K. Evans	20703Y

CONFIRMATION NO. 9551

FORMALITIES LETTER

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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09/888,304	06/22/2001	Robert K. Evans	20703Y

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Date Mailed: 04/22/2005

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 08/10/2001.

- No reply was received.

If a complete reply to the notice was previously filed by applicant within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may request for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment within 2 months from the mailing of this notice of abandonment by filing a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a). No petition fee is required. The petition must be accompanied by a true copy of the originally filed reply and the item(s) identified in one of the following:

1. A properly itemized date-stamped postcard receipt (see MPEP § 503);
2. If the originally filed reply included a certificate of mailing or transmission in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(a), a copy of the certificate of mailing or transmission and a statement in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(b) (see MPEP §§ 512); or
3. If the reply was filed via Express Mail, a submission satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10(e) including, for example, a copy of the Express Mail mailing label showing the "date-in" (see MPEP § 513).

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment should be directed to OIPE.

If applicant did not previously file a complete reply within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may file a petition to revive the application under 37 CFR 1.137.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/61.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL DELAY must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37

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CFR 1.137(d). See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/64.

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (571) 272-3282.

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